

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 5, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

-- A body produced in this way ~~in the manner known from EP 0 150 264 A1~~, especially a recess-filling body designed to essentially fill up the recess completely and therefore with the cross-sectional dimensions of the fishplate surface recess of the rail, can be connected to the web of the rail and/or to the head or to the base of the rail by means of a free-flowing intermediate layer and/or a metal clamp in the manner known from EP 0 150 264 A1. The connection method, like the length of the usable recess-filling bodies, which are relatively stiff and heavy, deviates from the conventional method of attachment to the rail. Along certain streets, grooved rails are often used, whereas Vignoles rails are most often used on open stretches. The fishplate recess will therefore be designed differently as required, and the method of attachment to the base will be adjusted accordingly. Vignoles rails will usually be laid on ties, whereas streetcar tracks with grooved rails are often laid with the help of spacers, the gage rods, on longitudinal foundations. --

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 7, line 1, with the following amended paragraph:

-- FIG. 2 shows a recess-filling body 5 arranged in a manner similar to that of FIG. 1, but in this case a depression 51 is provided. A metal clamp 7, which holds the recess-filling body [[5]]  $\triangleq$  in position against the web 3, extends between the two depressions 51. This design can be used in addition to a layer of adhesive 6 to increase the pressure exerted by the recess-filling body 6 on the web and thus to improve the connection between the recess-filling body and the web 3. Instead of an adhesive layer 6, however, the recess-filling body can also be coated with a plastic layer which fills up the joint otherwise occupied by the adhesive, especially when the rail has considerable rolling tolerances, which slightly increase the quality of the connection by positive engagement. --